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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Date/Time of Release: **June 16, 2005 / 4 PM**  
Date/Time of Occurrence: **June 15, 2005 / 12 PM**  
Nature of Call: **Robbery & Assault w/ Deadly Weapon / Two Arrested**  
Location of Call: **Placer County Animal Control / 11251 B Ave., Auburn**  
Case Number:  
Released by: **George Malim, Lieutenant 530-889-7862**

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**SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

The initial investigation conducted by Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Swearingen led to the identity of the two suspects as well as the recovery of the stolen kitten last night. This morning, Detective Jim Hudson secured arrest warrants for the two suspects, Nicholas Couvdos, 19, of Sacramento, and Ashley Ratchford, 18, of Auburn.

Couvdos was arrested at his home in Sacramento early this afternoon and Ratchford was arrested at the Placer County Sheriff's Department at about 3 PM. The warrants charge Couvdos with Robbery and Assault with a Deadly weapon and Ratchford with Accessory to a Crime and Possession of Stolen property. Both are being held on \$50,000 bail. The kitten was recovered at Ratchford's residence in Auburn last night

Couvdos and Ratchford are suspected of stealing a kitten from Placer County Animal Services on June 15 and injuring an Animal Services employee when they struck him with their car door as the employee was trying to stop them. The employee is at home recovering from his injuries.